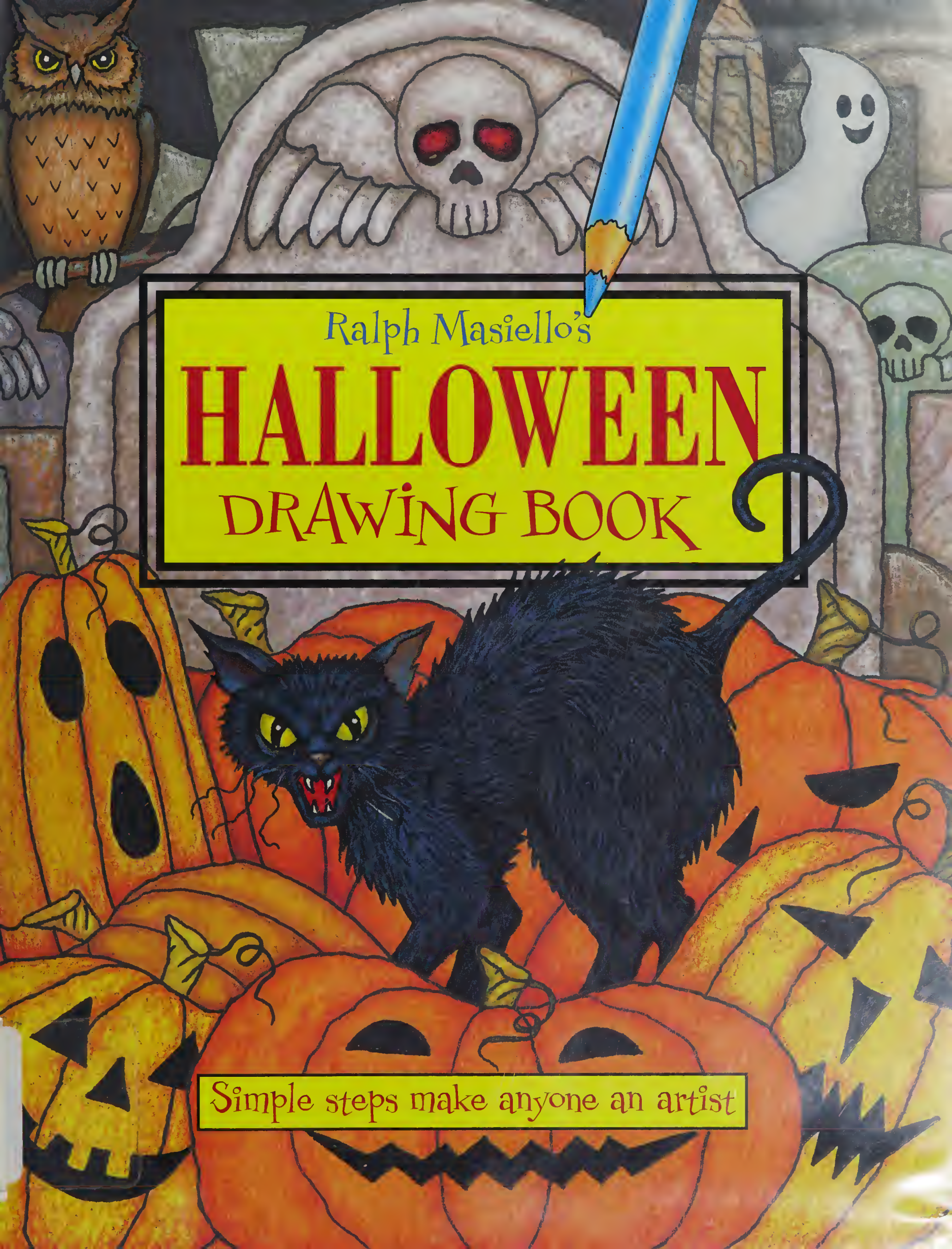

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Ghoulish Greetings, Fellow Artists.

Happy Halloween—my favorite holiday! Ever since I was a kid, I have loved the creativity, the drama, and yes, even the scariness of this spooky time of year.

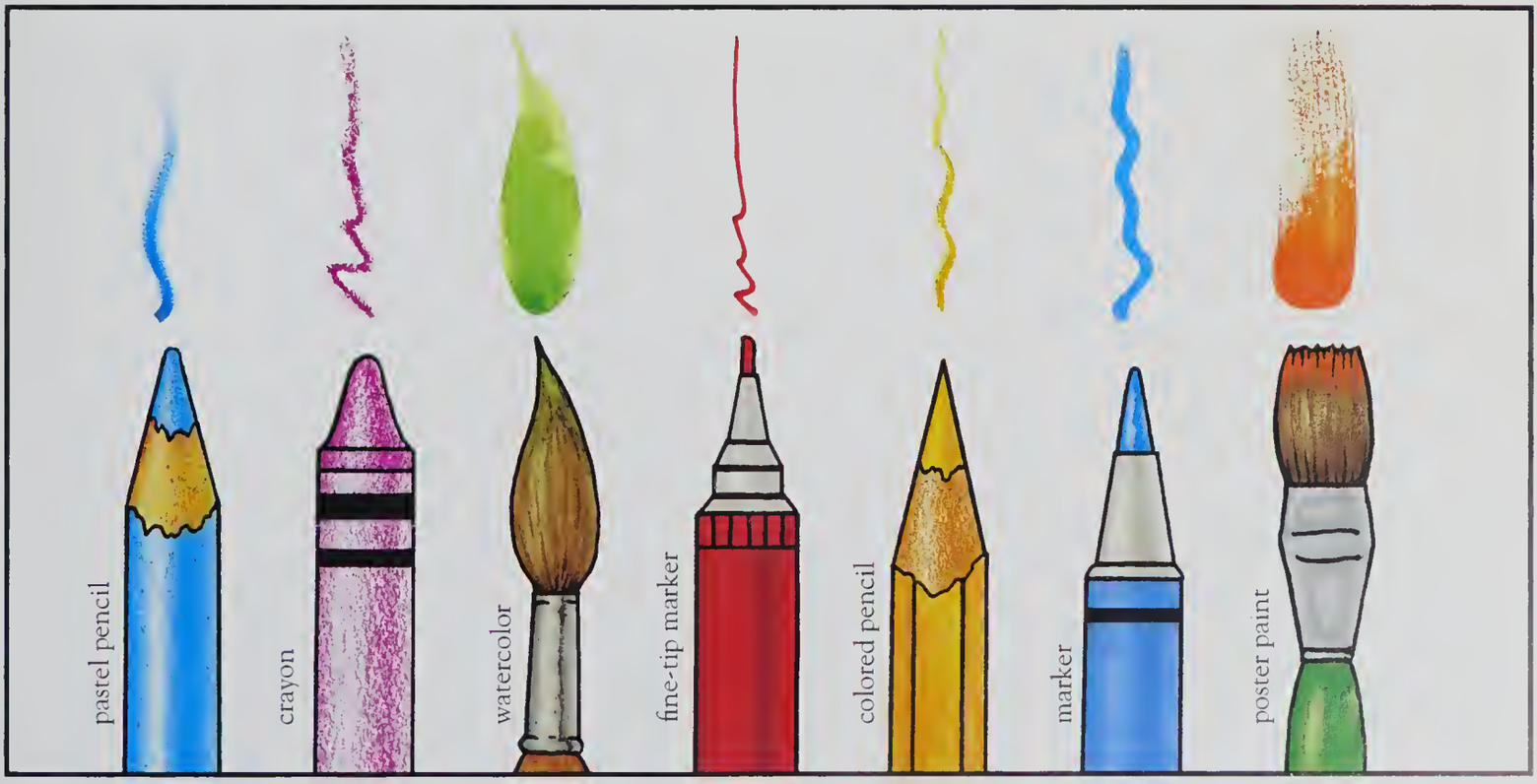
In this book I will show you how to draw flying witches, dancing skeletons, and other creatures of the night. A haunted mansion and a creepy graveyard help set the scene for your monster mash.

Follow the steps in red to create spooky or just plain fun pictures. Try the extra challenge steps in blue to make your drawings even more bewitching. For an especially eerie effect, color in the negative space surrounding an object instead of the object itself. Fill in the object with black for a dramatic silhouette.

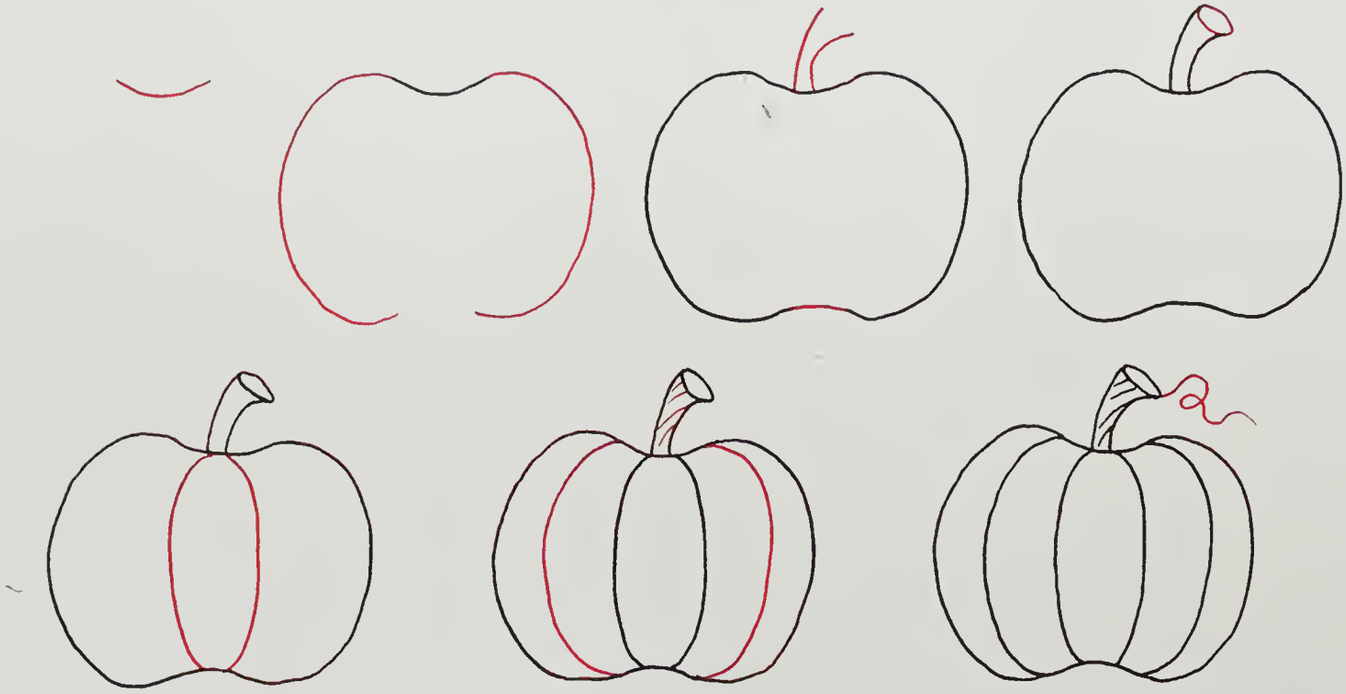
Have a frightfully fun time, and keep on drawing!

Ralph

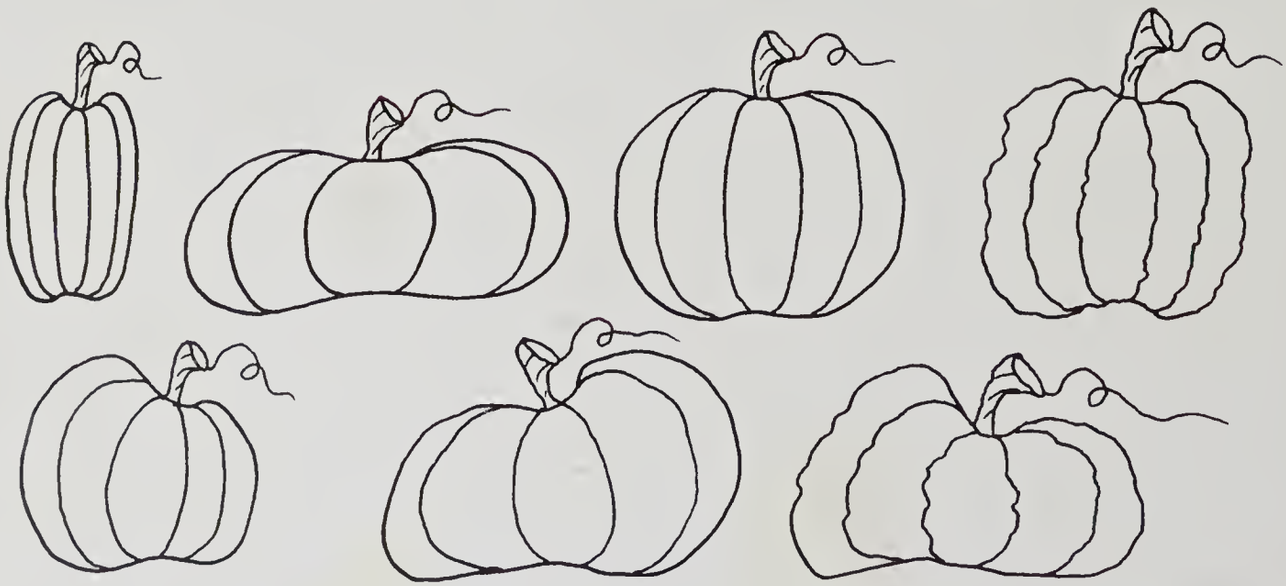
Choose your tools



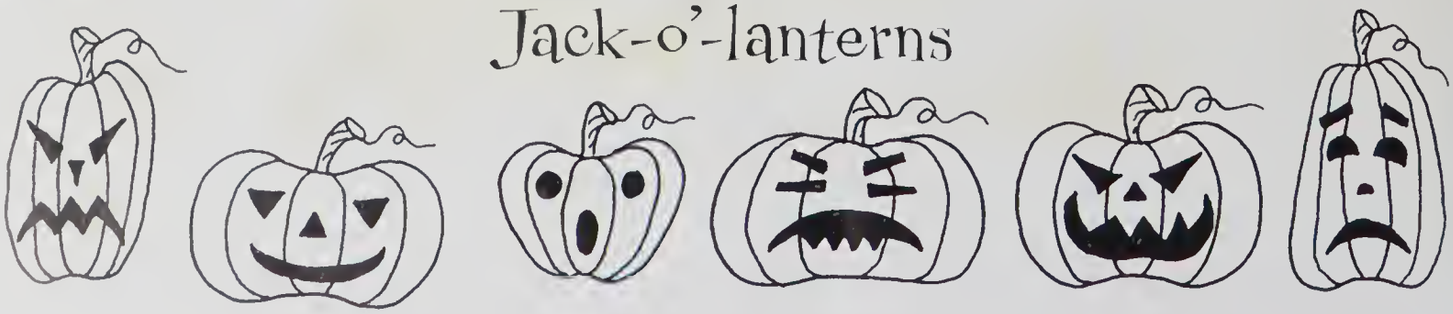
Pumpkins



Pumpkins can be tall, wide, round, lumpy, and lopsided.



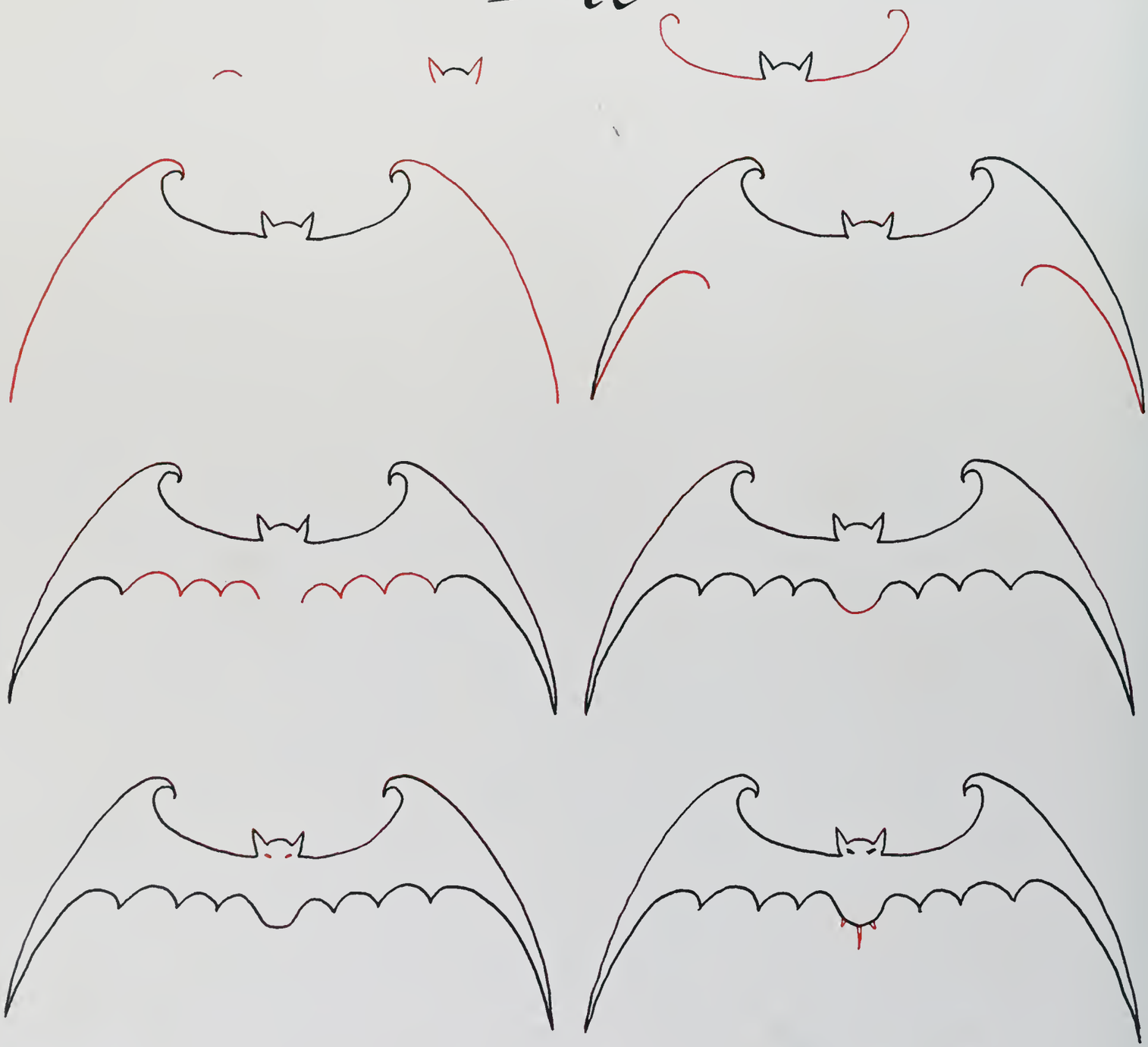
Jack-o'-lanterns



These jack-o'-lanterns are really cutting-edge.

crayon

Bat



Add some holes or rips on wings.

Fill the night with winged creatures.

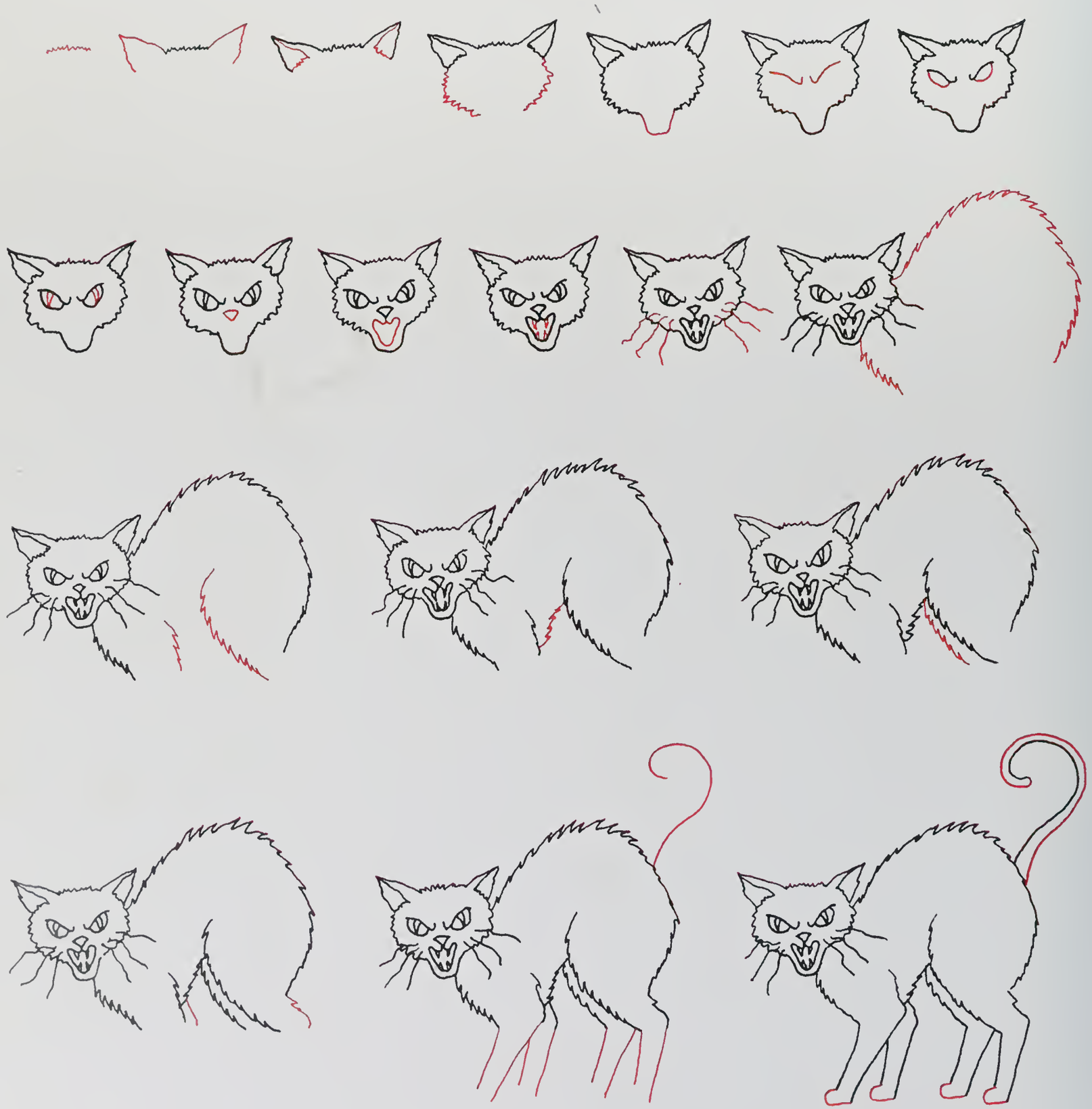
watercolor, marker, and poster paint

Ghosts

Happy, sad, or even mad—give your ghosts a face.

BOO-tiful ghosts!
watercolor and crayon

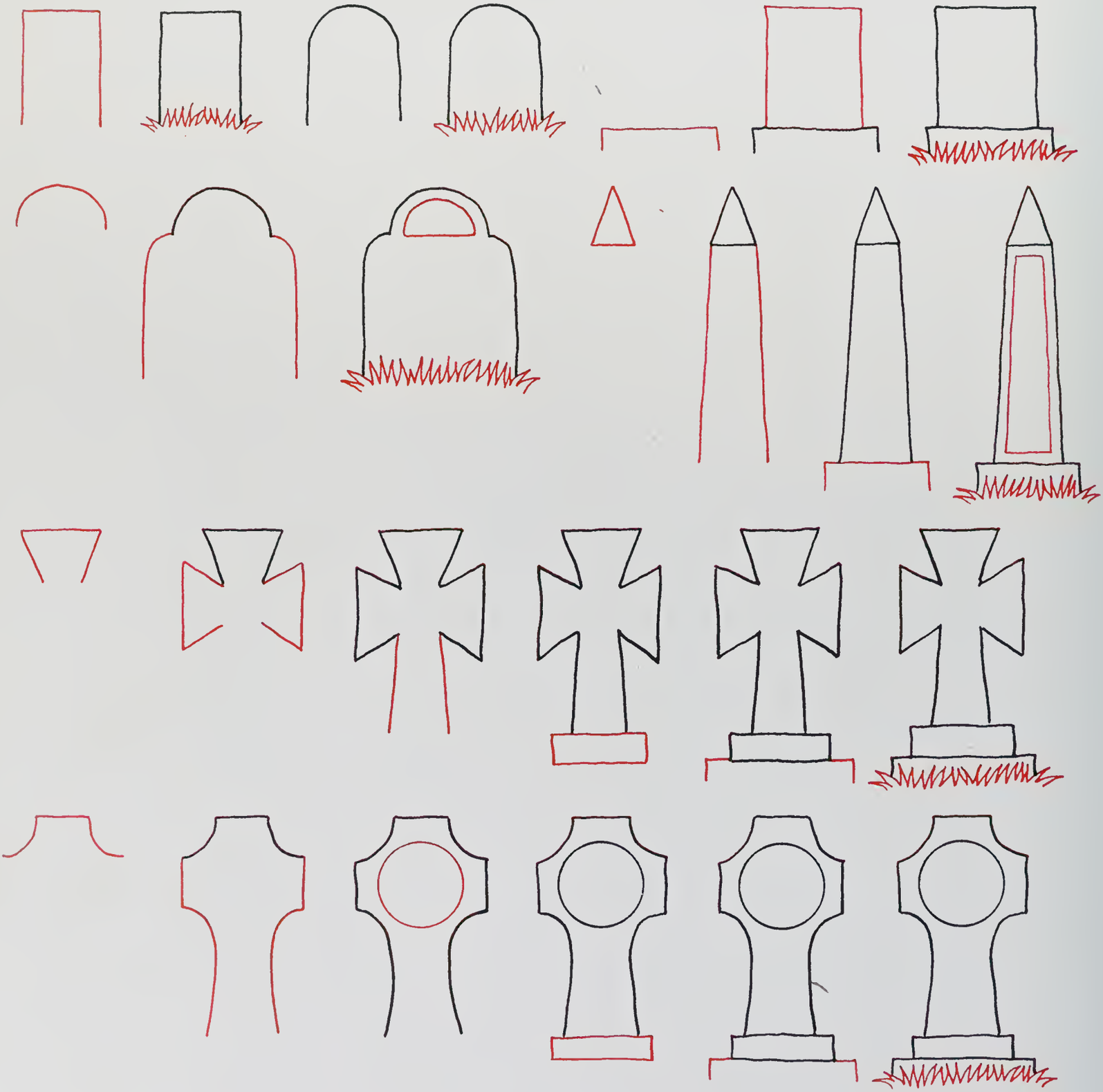
Black Cat



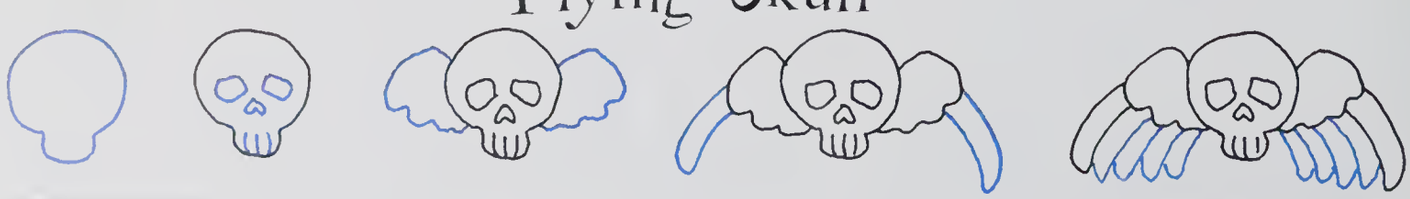
Purr-fectly creepy!

marker, colored pencil, and poster paint

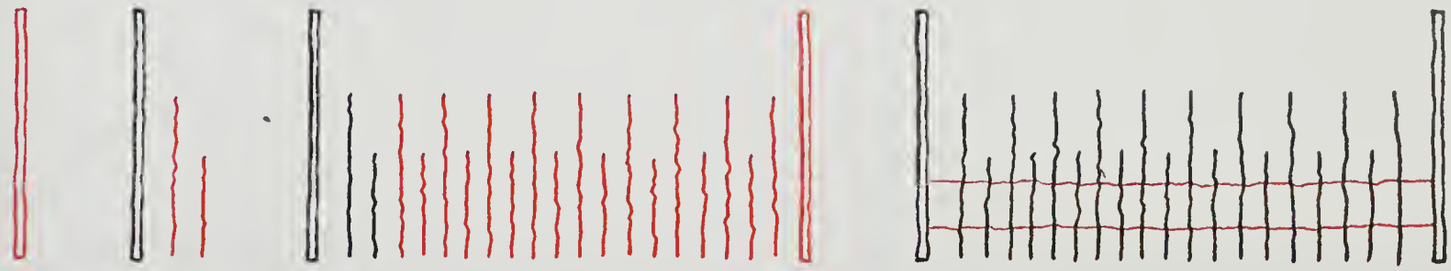
Gravestones



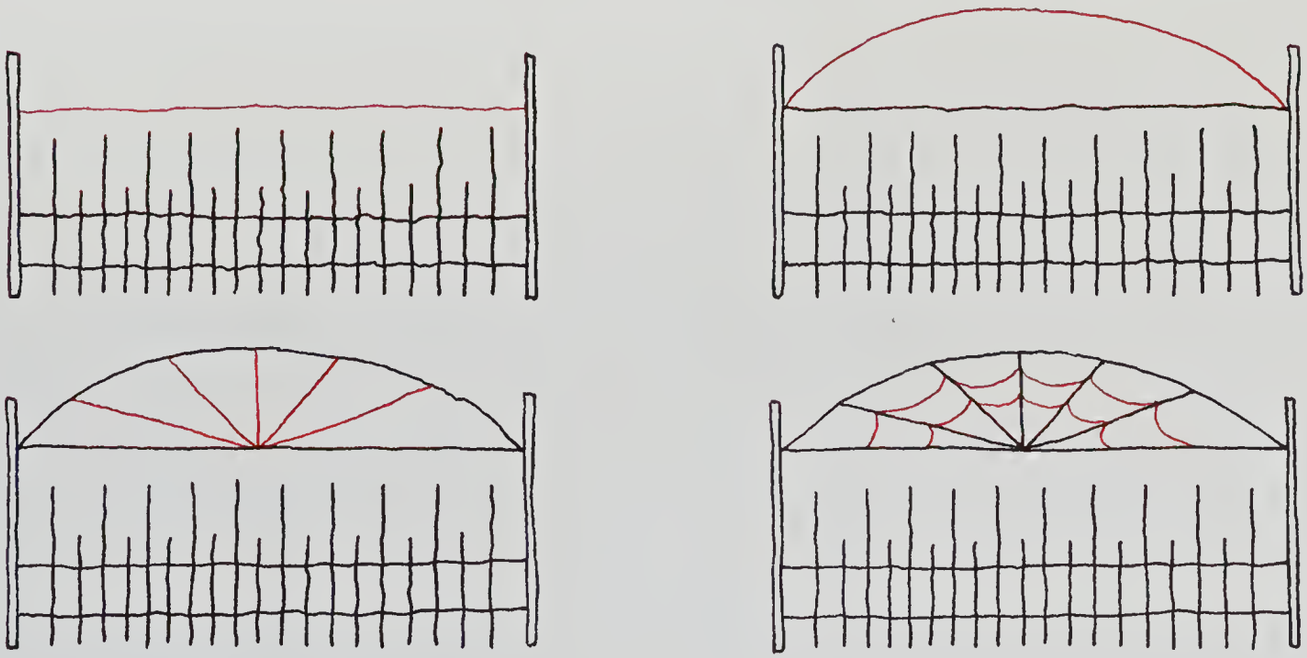
Flying Skull



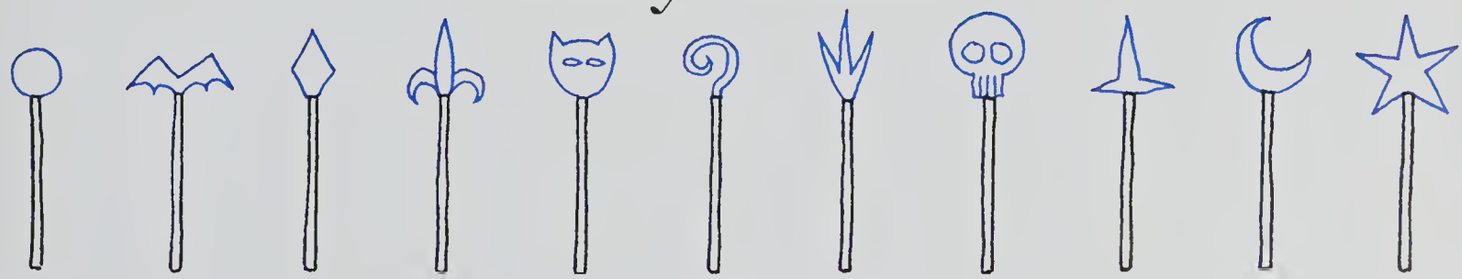
Graveyard Fence



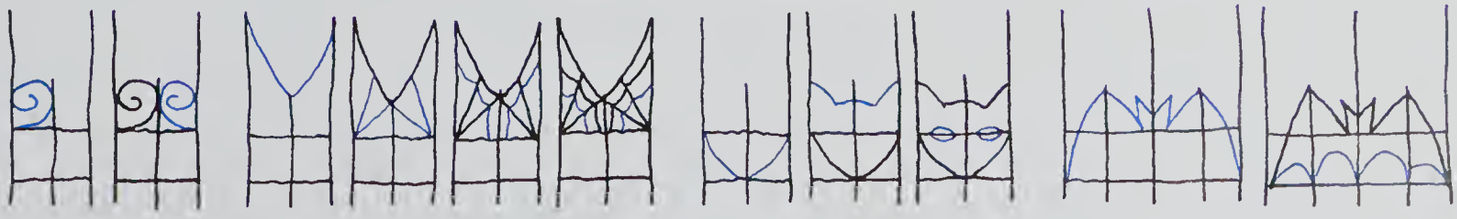
Leave it plain or add an arch if you wish.



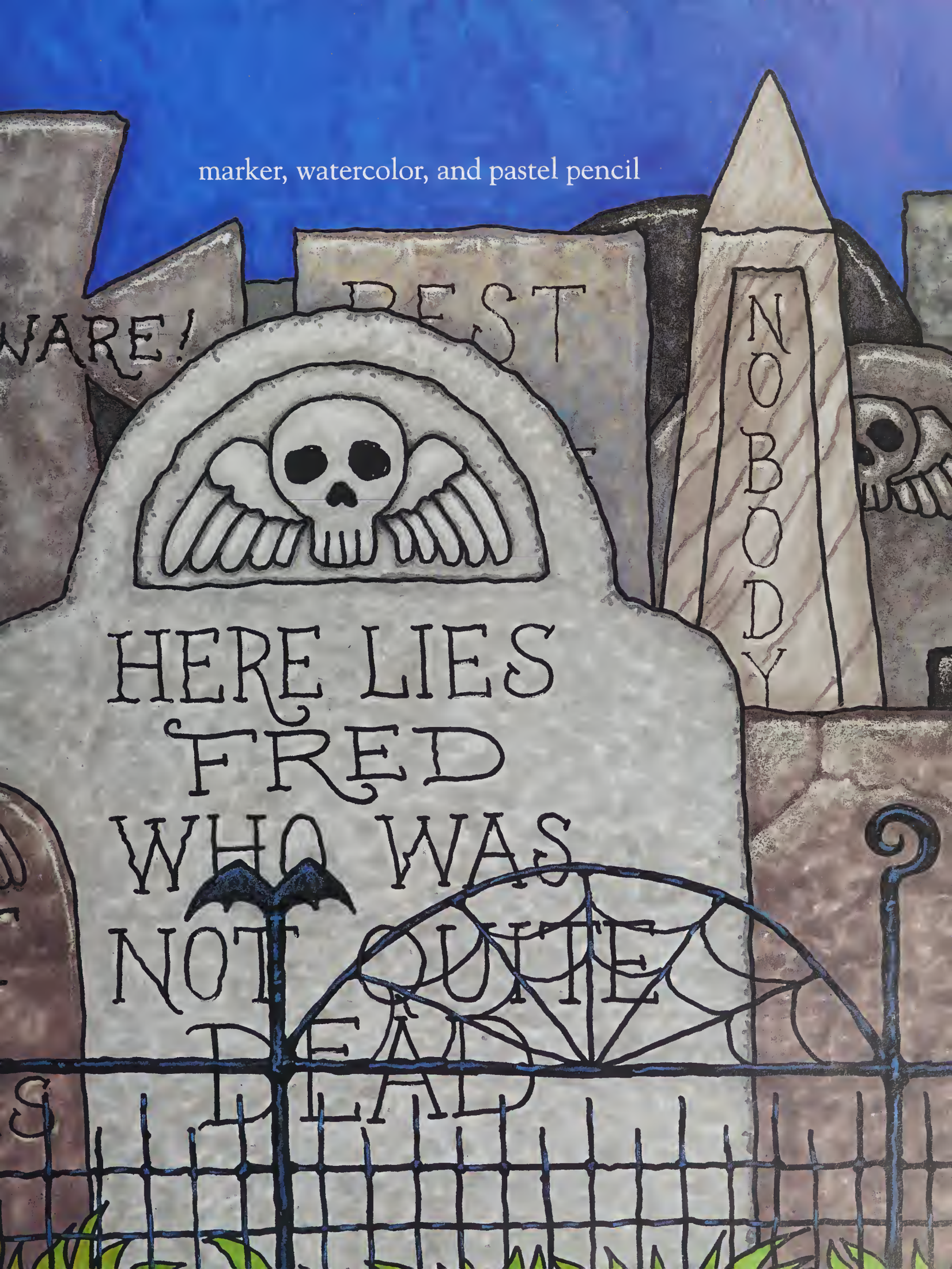
Fancy Finials



Fence Details



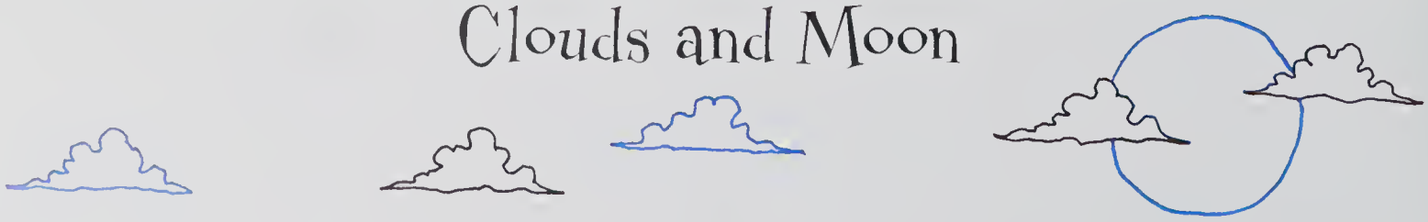
Enter the graveyard—if you dare!



marker, watercolor, and pastel pencil

Witch

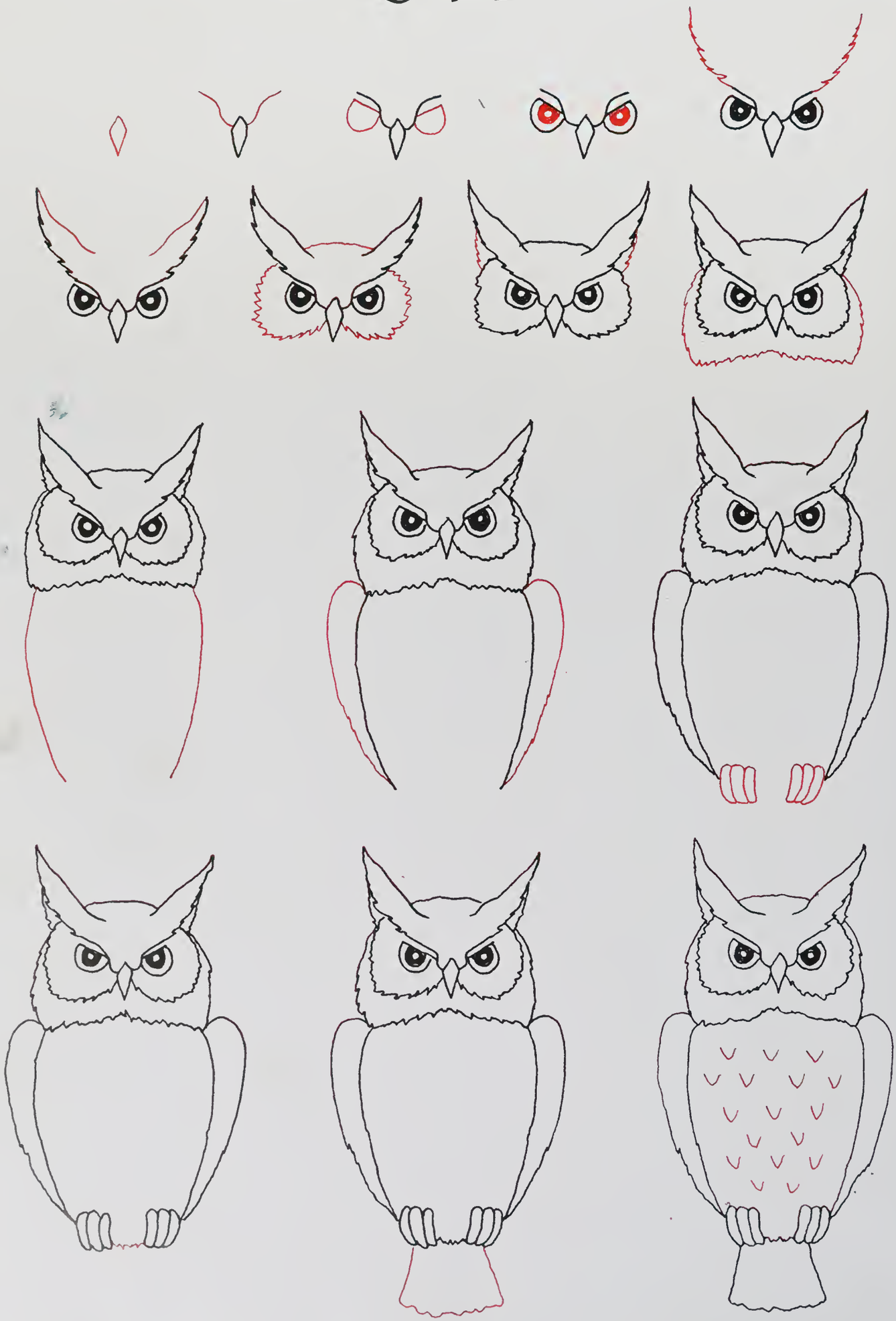
Clouds and Moon



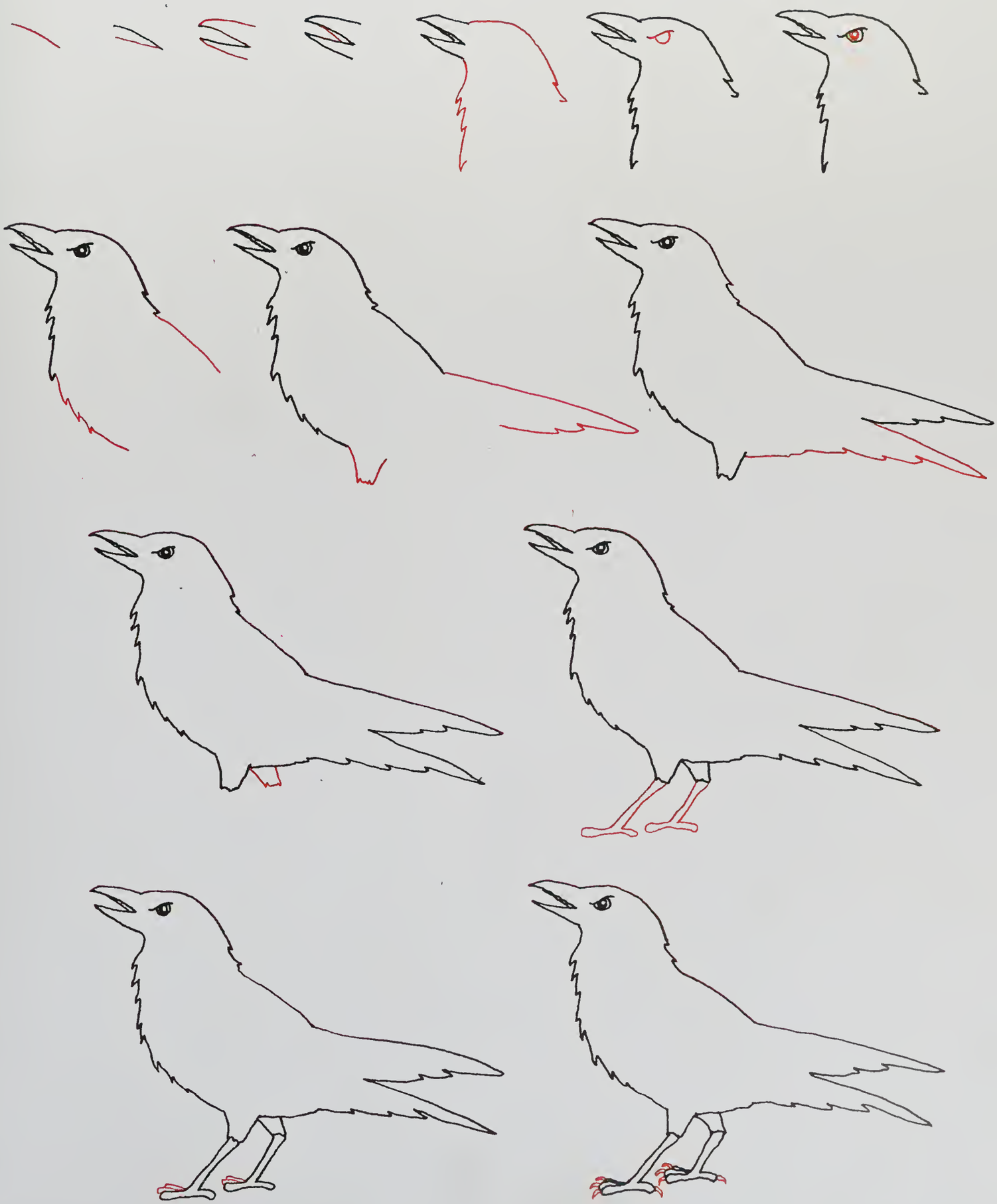
A bewitching sight.

marker

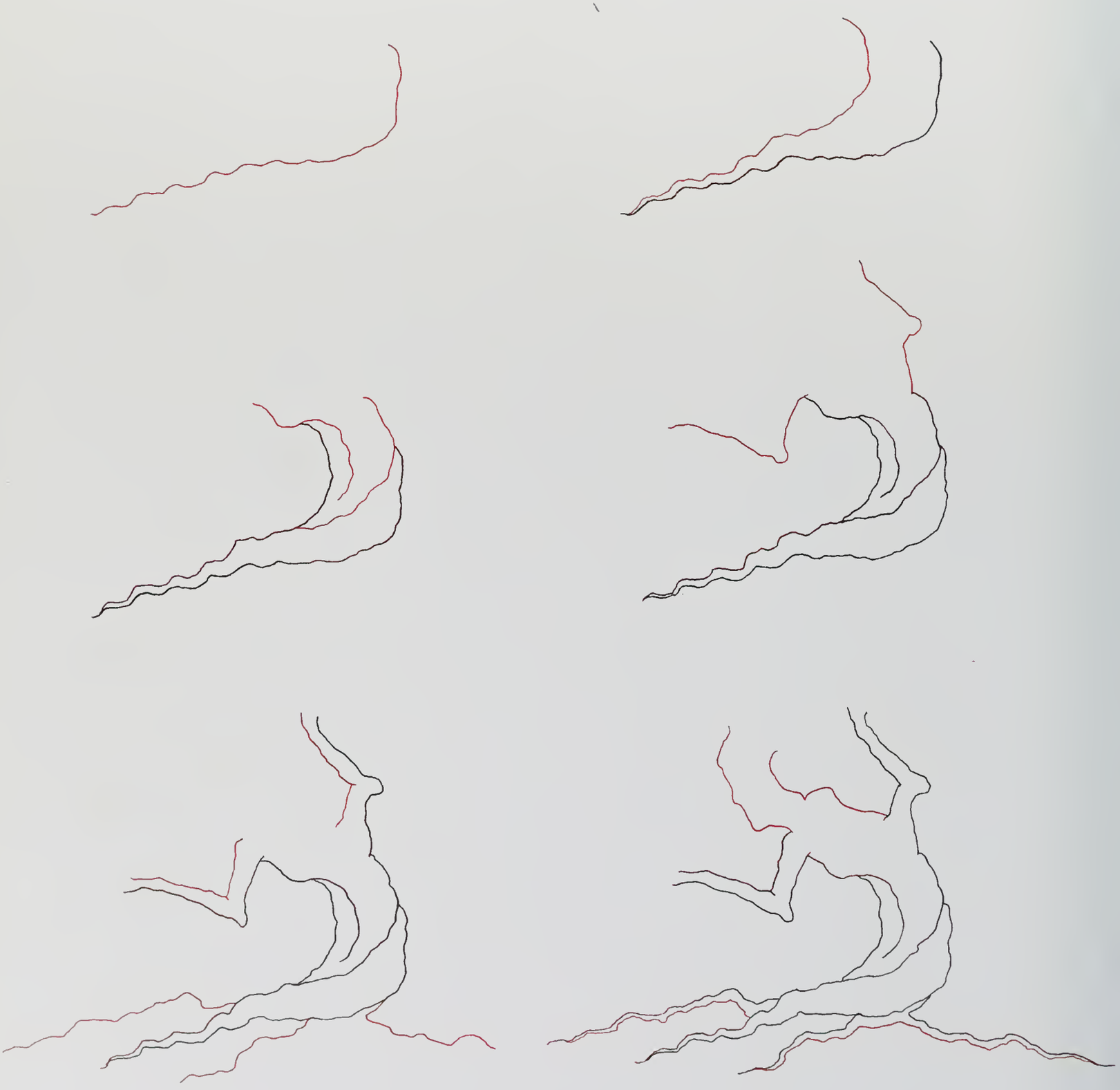
Owl

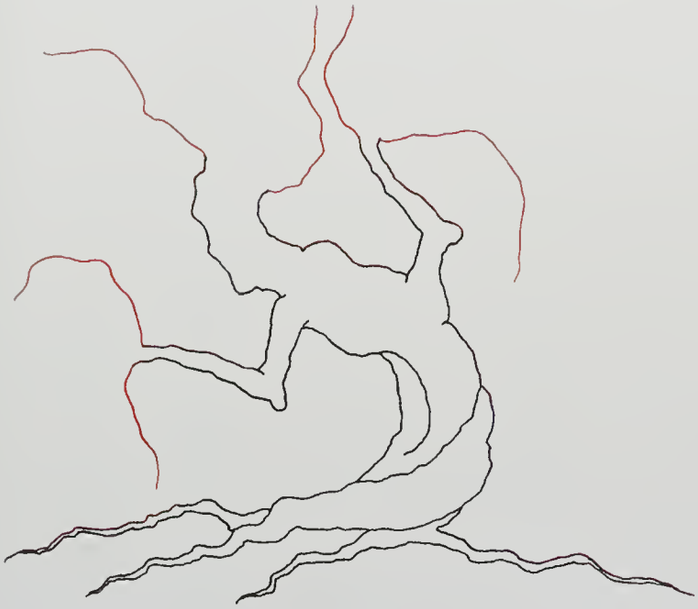


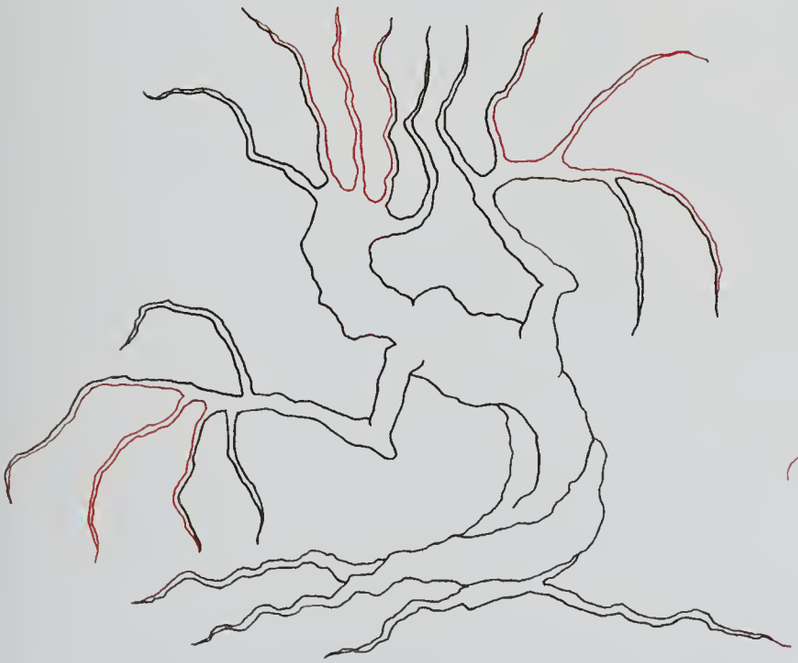
Raven



Scary Tree



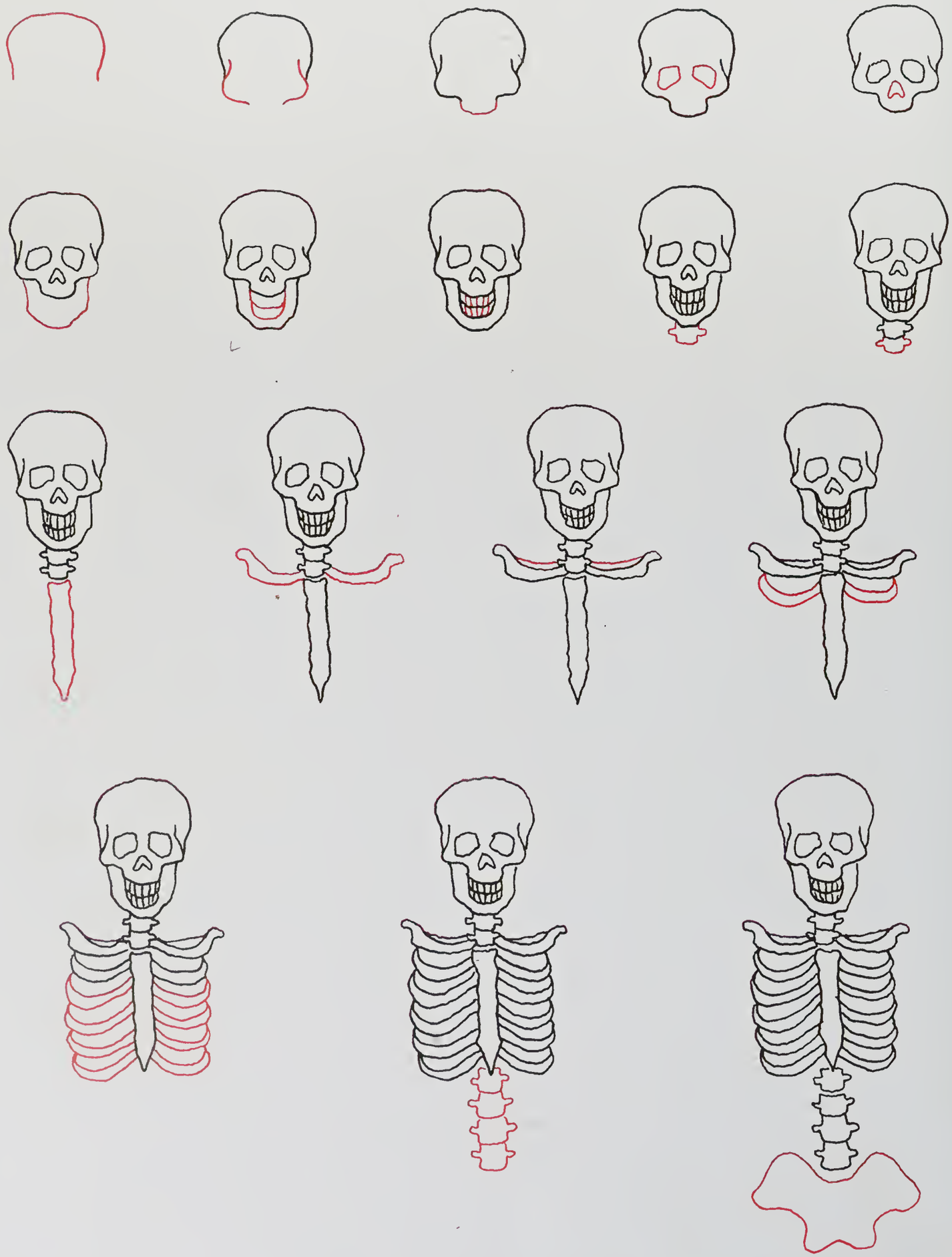


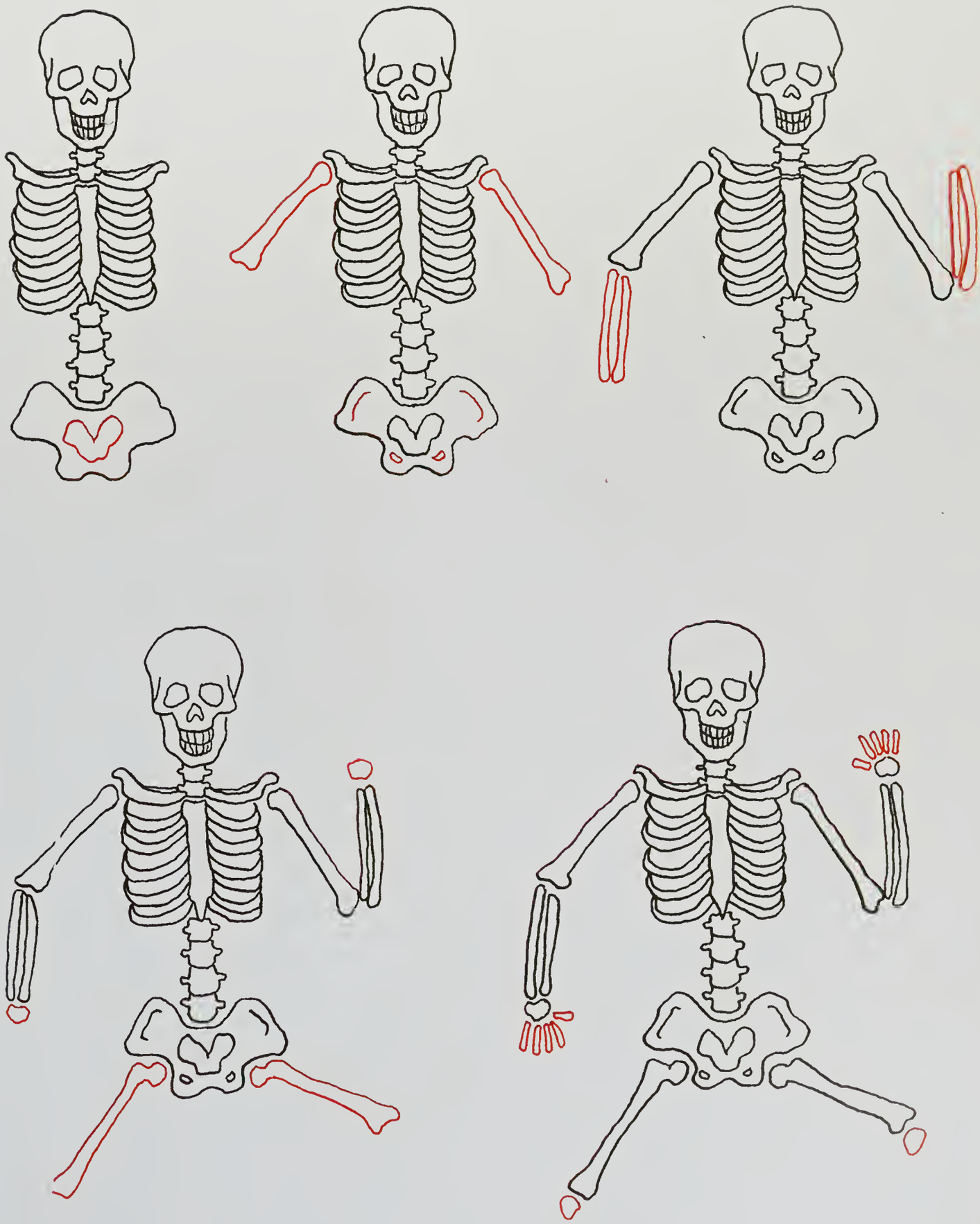


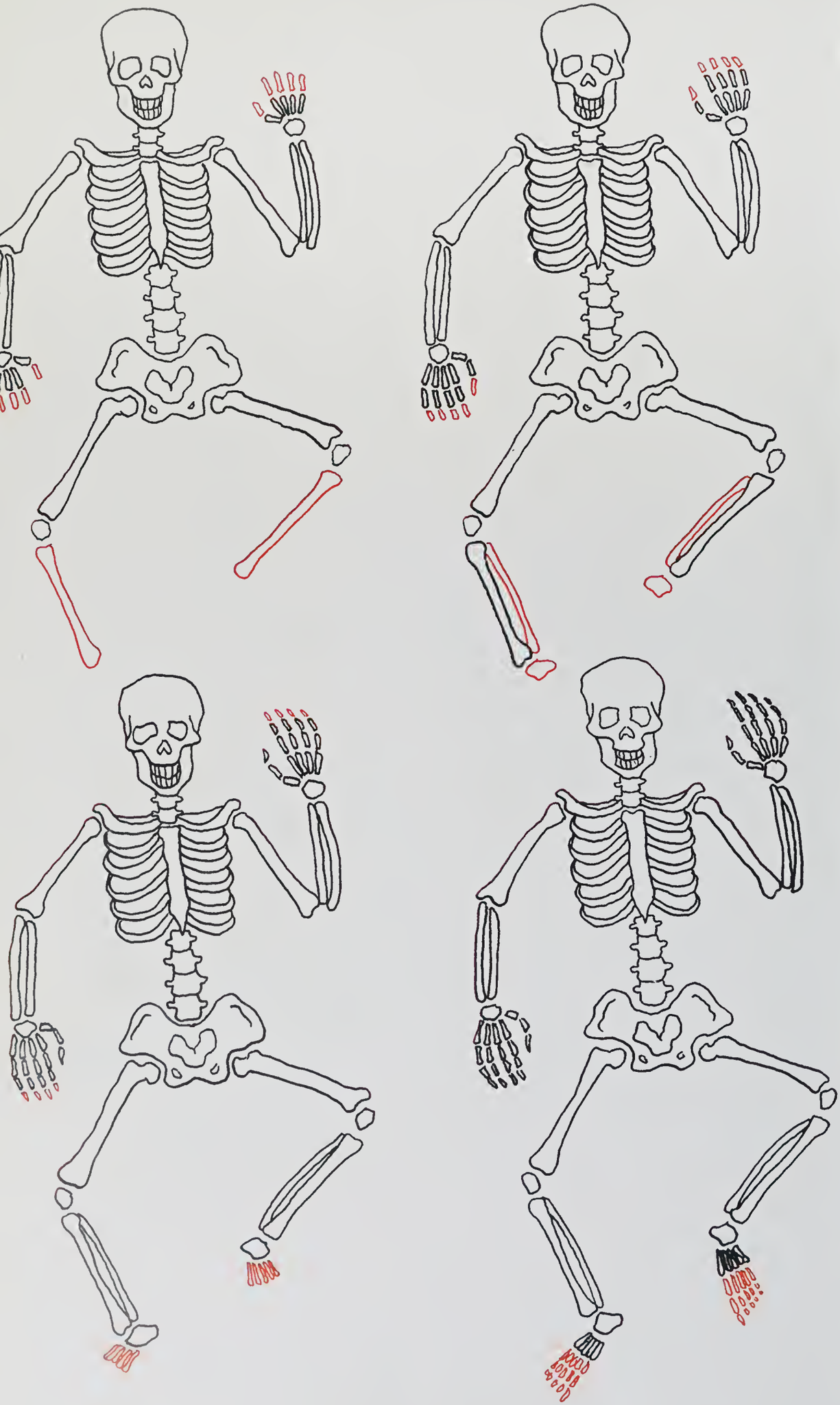
Whooo goes there?

watercolor, marker, and colored pencil

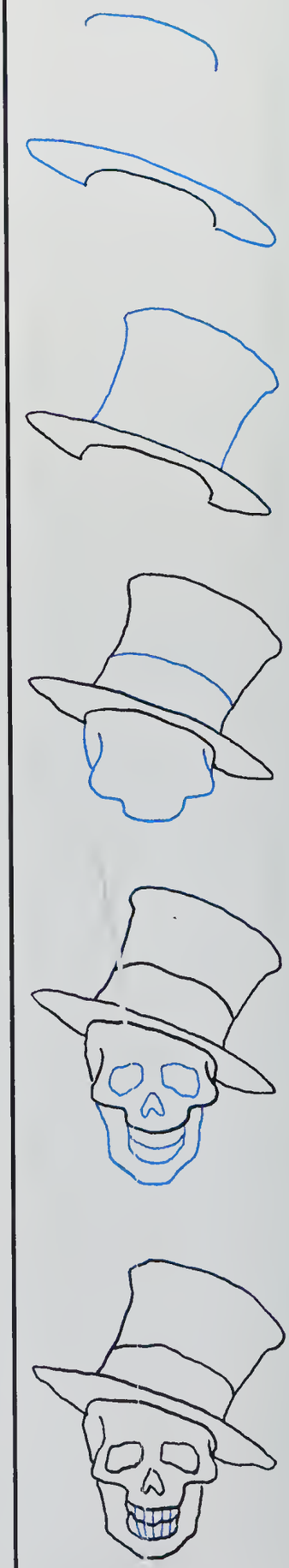
Skeleton





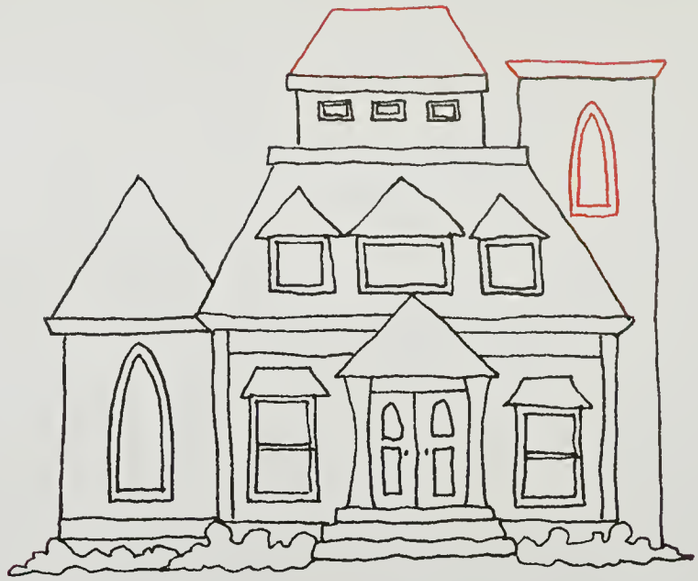


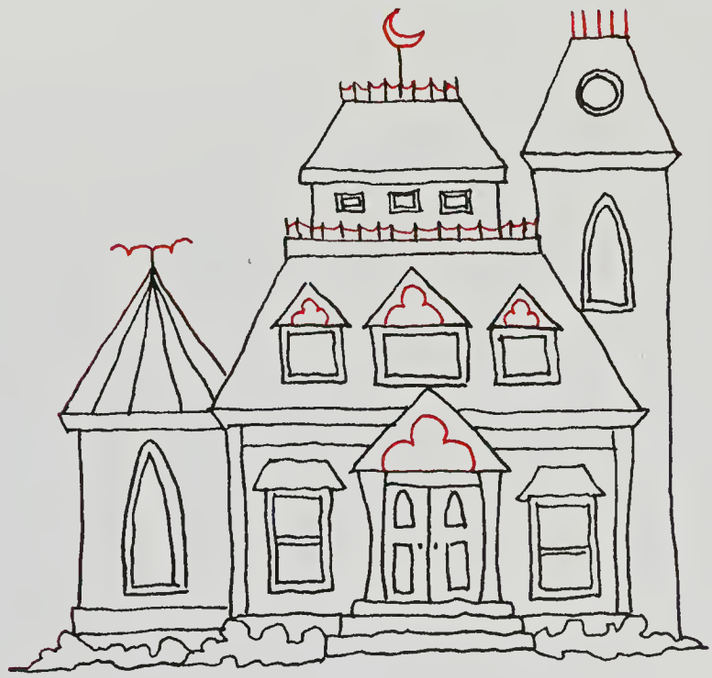
Top Hat



watercolor, marker, and colored pencil

Haunted Mansion





Have a very happy,
haunted Halloween!
"FOR WHOM
BELL
TOLLS"
ME
RE LIES
HITNEY...
DEATH
JUST HIT
RIP
HERE
LIES

Resources

If you're interested in reading some great Halloween stories or finding ways to make your Halloween party special, check out these spook-tacular books and websites!

Books

Baehr, Patricia. *Boo Cow*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2010.
A pair of novice farmers encounters a ghostly cow that haunts their chicken farm.

Brenner, Tom. *And Then Comes Halloween*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2009.
Join a neighborhood of kids as Halloween approaches and they prepare for an evening of trick-or-treating.

Bunting, Eve. *In the Haunted House*. New York: Clarion, 1990.
Follow the sneaker-clad footsteps of two curious characters as they tiptoe through a haunted house.

Evans, Cambria. *Bone Soup*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2008.
A hungry skeleton talks a town of creatures into helping him make bone soup in this Halloween retelling of the classic "Stone Soup."

Farmer, Jacqueline. *Pumpkins*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2004.
Discover fun facts about pumpkins, including history, growing tips, and recipes.

Stutson, Caroline. *By the Light of the Halloween Moon*. Tarrytown, NY: Marshall Cavendish, 1993.
A bumbling band of Halloween creatures wants to know who is tapping a tune in the dead of night.

Teague, Mark. *One Halloween Night*. New York: Scholastic, 1999.
Three friends discover their own magic one weird and wacky Halloween night.

Yolen, Jane. *Best Witches: Poems for Halloween*. New York: Putnam, 1989.
A clever collection of poems celebrates witch pizza (with extra poison ivy), witch fashion (basic black), the modern witch (who owns a condo), and more.

Websites

Websites can change. Try running a search for Halloween *on your favorite search engine.*

Big Pumpkins
http://www.bigpumpkins.com
Find out all about a huge hobby: growing giant pumpkins.

History.com: All Things Halloween
http://www.history.com/topics/halloween
Explore Halloween photo and video galleries, learn about the origins of the holiday, and print out carving patterns to try on your own jack-o'-lantern.

PBS Kids: Happy Halloween
http://pbskids.org/halloween
Share in the fun of the year's spookiest, silliest, and tastiest holiday with your favorite PBS characters.

Halloween Party Games
http://www.halloweengames101.com/halloween-games.html
Endless Halloween game ideas for your next party!

Disney Family Fun: Halloween Recipes
http://familyfun.go.com/halloween/halloween-recipes/
Make spooky treats like mini mummy pizzas or caramel apple monsters.

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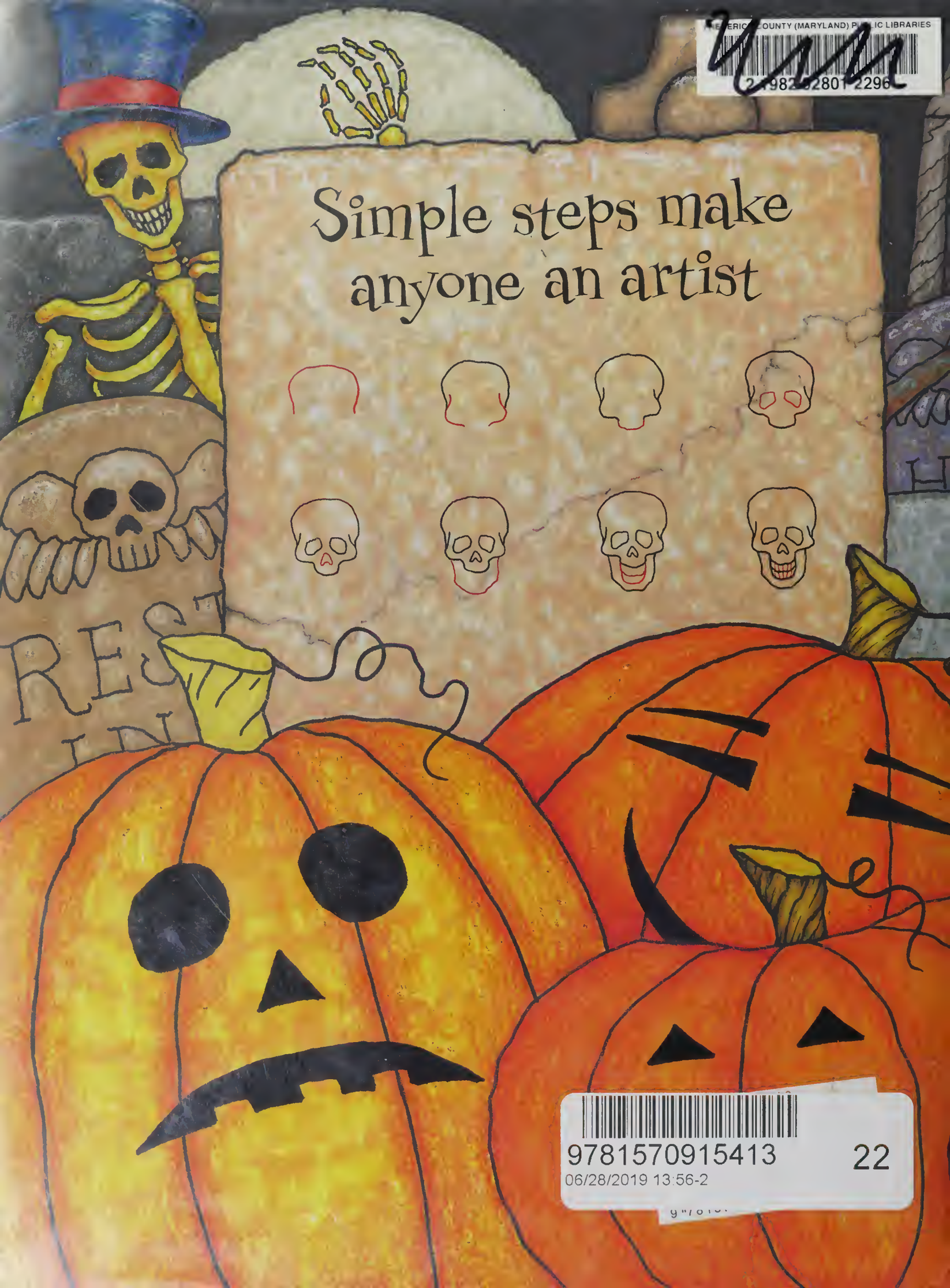

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